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REF: A. USNATO 0358

B. USNATO 1477

1. IN INTRODUCING AGENDA ITEM III, "FUNCTIONAL AND REGIONAL ANALYSIS OF DEFENSE EXPENDITURES" AT MARCH 25 EWG MEETING, CHAIRMAN HUMPHREYS CHARACTERIZED WOELIN & 4970'S REPORT (AC/281-D(75)1) AS DISAPPOINTING IN THE EXPERTS DID NOT FEEL A NATO-WIDE FUNCTIONAL/REGIONAL BREAK-DOWN OF DEFENSE EXPENDITURES IS PRESENTLY POSSIBLE. IS EXPERT(WARLEY) AFTER REVIEWING PROBLEMS WHICH MAKE IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR WORKING GROUP T O

FULFILL ITS MANDATE, NOTED 7 COUNTRIES HAVE FURNISHED RESPONSES TO REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON NATIONAL CONSTING SYSTEMS, AND RECOMMENDED IS/WORKING GROUP REVIEW INCOMING FINANCIAL DATA FOR POSSIBLE USE IN ON-GOING WORK. IS EXPERT FELT REVIEW MUST LOOK BEYOND JUST USE IN CONNECTION WITH AD-70 STUDIES.

2. US REP (BGEN BOWMAN) SUPPORTED WORKING GROUP'S RECOMMENDATIONS, CITED IMPORTANCE OF MEANINGFUL FINANCIAL DATA FOR RATIONALIZATION STUDIES, AND ENCOURAGED CONTINUED EFFORTS TO IMPROVE FINANCIAL CONFIDENTIAL

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INPUTS. ALL OTHER REPS WHO SPOKE (CANANDA, FRG, ITALY, NETHERLANDS, UK) SUPPORTED WORKING GROUP'S RECOMMENDATIONS. IN CLOSING, CHAIRMAN ASKED IS EXPERT TO CONTINUE REVIEW OF NATIONAL INPUTS IN CON-SULTATION WITH NATIONAL EXPERTS, PARTICULARLY EXPERTS IN

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